

<sup>19</sup>20. (New) A spring cushion assembly according to claim <sup>17</sup>~~18~~ or <sup>18</sup>~~19~~, wherein the connector wires are helical.

<sup>20</sup>21. (New) A spring cushion assembly according to claim <sup>18</sup>~~19~~, wherein the upper and lower end turns are open and each of the spring coils comprises a full number of coil turns between the open upper and lower end turns thereof.

<sup>21</sup>22. (New) A spring cushion assembly according to claim <sup>17</sup>~~18~~, <sup>18</sup>~~19~~ or <sup>20</sup>~~21~~, wherein the spring cushion assembly is a mattress spring assembly.

#### REMARKS

As now amended, claims 1-7 and 9-22 are presented in this application.

In the Office Action, original claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as assertedly anticipated by Rodebaugh U.S. Patent No. 279,188. On the other hand, claims 8-17 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 8, thereby representing a rewriting of claim 8 in independent form. Claim 8 has accordingly been canceled and claim 9 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 8 to claim 1. Accordingly, each of claims 1-7 and 9-17 should now be in condition for formal allowance.

The present amendment also presents new claims 18-22 of which claim 18 is the only independent claim. New independent claim 18 represents a rewriting of allowable claim 13 in independent form, whereby new claim 18 and its respective dependent claims 19-22 should also now be in condition for formal allowance.

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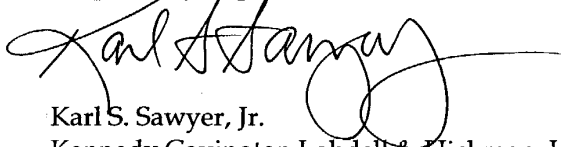
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For all of the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the standing claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$18.00 is enclosed in payment of the additional filing fees due for the new claims. Any overpayment may be credited and any underpayment may be charged to Deposit Account 18-1215 of the undersigned.

A mark-up of claims 19 and 9 is attached to show the changes made therein.

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